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1. Reconstruction work at the GDYNIA-BABINOWO (O 55/Y 45) airfield, which had been destroyed at the end of the war, was started in December 1946. Five hundred German PWs were assigned to work. CO of the Polish unit was Col. BARGIŃSKI, who was allegedly later sentenced to death because of sabotage. The entire airfield area was wavy and declined steeply toward the sea.

Early 1947

2. The building of the former air force torpedo testing station was converted into an EM barracks in early 1947; it was later occupied by the headquarters of the unit stationed at the airfield. A hangar, which had been dismantled at a BRESLAU (P 52/O 41) airfield, was re-assembled.
3. The two runways, each 250 x 5,800 feet, which had been heavily damaged during the German retreat, were under repair. The bomb craters were being filled and given a light concrete surface (mixing ratio 1:6). The runways were not serviceable for heavy aircraft. The east-west runway was provided with nine concrete tap roads which lead to a newly built taxiway running parallel to the runway.
4. A fuel dump, consisting of eight semi-underground tanks, was located in a depression covered by shrubs, about 4,000 feet southwest of the newly built hangar.

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5. A regiment equipped with about 25 fighters of Soviet make arrived at the airfield in September 1947. The aircraft had yellow propeller hubs. A square with four white and red sections was painted on each wing, the fuselage and the rudder assembly. The regiment numbered 500 to 600 men; their training was supervised by two Soviet captains and two Soviet first lieutenants. Soviet Col RADYKOVICH occasionally arrived at the airfield to inspect the flight training of the Polish unit. A plate with the inscription "Pulk Lot" was attached to the barracks building.

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6. [redacted] the information in para 1 and 3 and stated that Capt Lohm has replaced Col RICHINSKI.

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